

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The office action of March 30, 2006 has been carefully reviewed and these remarks are responsive thereto. Reconsideration and allowance of the instant application are respectfully requested. Claims 5-13, 15, 23-25 and 28 remain in this application. Claim 14 was previously canceled without prejudice or disclaimer and claims 1-4, 14, 16-22, 26 and 27 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer by the instant amendment to advance prosecution. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the subject matter of these claims in a continuation application.

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the courtesies extended to the undersigned during the telephonic interview of May 5, 2006.

Claims 1, 6-8, 12, 16, 19 and 23 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. patent no. 5,091,964 to Shimomura in view of U.S. patent no. 6,115,501 to Chun et al. ("Chun"). Claims 13, 15 and 28 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. patent no. 6,397,233 to Okawa et al. ("Okawa") and further in view of U.S. patent no. 5,712,995 to Cohn. Claims 2-3, 9-11, 24, and 26 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Shimomura and Chun as applied to claims 1, 6-8, 12, 16, 19 and 23 above, and further in view of U.S. patent no. 5,867,593 to Fukuda et al. ("Fukuda"). Claims 4-5 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Shimomura and Chun as applied to claims 1, 6-8, 12, 16, 19 and 23 above, Fukuda as applied to claims 2-3, 9-11, 24 and 26 above, and further in view of U.S. patent no. 6,326,970 to Mott et al. ("Mott"). Claims 17-18 and 25 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Shimomura and Chun as applied to claims 1, 6-8, 12, 16-19 and 23 above, and further in view of Mott. Claims 20-22 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Shimomura and further in view of U.S. patent no. 6,075,532 to Colleran et al. ("Colleran"). Claim 27 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Shimomura and Chun and further in view of Colleran. Applicants respectfully traverse all these rejections.

Applicants have canceled claims 1-4, 14, 16-22, 26 and 27 without prejudice or disclaimer. To the extent the rejections applied to the claims now canceled, the rejections are deemed moot.

As discussed with the Examiner during the interview, claim 5 has been rewritten in independent form to incorporate the features of each of its base claims in light of the agreement that claim 5 was patentably distinguishable from the applied art, for example for reasons set forth in the prior response. Also, claims 6-12 have been amended to ultimately depend from claim 5, and are patentably distinct from the combination of references applied in the last action for at least the same reasons as claim 5, and further in view of the additional advantageous features recited therein.

Furthermore, in view of the interview, applicants have amended claim 23 to incorporate features similar to claim 5. For at least this reason, claim 23 is patentably distinct from the applied art for the same reasons as claim 5. Also, claims 24 and 25, which depend from claim 23 are patentably distinct from the combination of references applied in the last action for at least the same reasons as claim 23, and further in view of the additional advantageous features recited therein.

Claims 13, 15 and 28 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Okawa and further in view of Cohn. The action alleges that Okawa discloses all the steps of independent claim 13, but for determining whether the rescaled drawings overlap one another, and if so, repositioning one or more of the drawings to avoid the overlap. To overcome this deficiency, the action relies on Cohn pointing to col. 2, lines 27-54.

Contrary to action's assertion Cohn does not teach or suggest determining whether the rescaled drawings overlap one another, and if the rescaled drawings are determined to overlap one another, repositioning one or more of the drawings to avoid the overlap as recited in claim 13. Cohn relates to the management of window type user interfaces, and discloses that when an individual window is resized or repositioned, neighboring windows can be resized and repositioned to avoid overlap of windows. The claim 13 invention is directed to a method for editing *an electronic document containing text and drawings*. A window corresponds to an instance of an application and resizing a window, such as one corresponding to a word

processing document, merely resizes and repositions the user interface as opposed to resizing or repositioning the content in the underlying document. Stated differently, resizing or repositioning a window as described in Cohn does not teach or suggest repositioning one or more drawings in a document to avoid overlap. Also, Cohn resizes and repositions neighboring windows in response to an individual window being resized as opposed to plural windows being resized. Consequently, in contrast to the action's assertion, it would not have been inherent for Cohn to determine whether rescaled *windows* overlap one another as recited in claim 13 as only an individual window has been resized prior to repositioning the neighboring windows to avoid overlap. Cohn is also non-analogous art to Okawa. For at least the above reasons, the combination of Okawa and Cohn would not have resulted in the invention of claim 13 or dependent claims 15 and 28.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that no fee is required for this submission. If any fees are required or if an overpayment is made, the Commissioner is authorized to debit or credit our Deposit Account No. 19-0733, accordingly.

All rejections having been addressed, applicants respectfully submit that the instant application is in condition for allowance, and respectfully solicit prompt notification of the same.

Respectfully submitted,

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